

**commentletters - Comment Letter-Landscape Irrigation General Permit**

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I am pleased to hear of the interest for reclaimed water, but worry about this effort suffering the same failure, as did AB885. AB885 was authored in 1999, passed and signed into law in 2000, which required the state to establish statewide standards for septic tank and effluent dispersal to incorporate new technology (that also provided for reclaimed water through mini package plants to be permitted for single residential use).

Regrettably AB885 (again which would have permitted reclaimed water for residential septic systems users), signed into law in 2000, was required to become effective by 2004, is no where near to being implemented. It is now well into 2008, and implementing AB885 was stalled by the inability of the state board to take effective action, and instead allowed individual counties to stall, and drag their feet, diluting the final draft (now three years old) into a watered down and diluted bill that essentially does little more than maintain the status quo.

How is it the state is supposed to set standards that the local counties are supposed to follow, but in reality the counties dictate to the state what the standards are the state can't put into the new standards.

I would recommend that the provisions of AB885, approving individual package plants and reclaiming effluent for landscaping be incorporated into any new standards. Also, I would hope you (and the state) take effective action and do not let this new effort at reclaiming suffer the same consequences, as has AB885.

